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Dear Harold -

It was good to talk the other day and to catch up on the matters I hadn't heard of. But the things that go wrong in connection with members of Congress are especially disheartening. Maybe that Morrow book will prove "catching" among other Congressmen now that Rep. Downing has publicized it in a press conference. I wonder if Bud Fensterwald has been taken in by it or influenced Downing.

Will Sen. Schweicker come back to the issue now that his giddy caper with the Vice Presidency is over? Nothing will happen on it till after the election, that's sure - Senator Inouye (Sp?) and his Committee will probably wrap up some slight inadequate investigation in a hurry. Well, maybe I'm too possimistic.

Just for the record, I'm not convinced that the 3 "tramps" are winos. They look like men made up to look like tramps. I have no proof, of course, just clues but at present time I think "Frenchy" may be one of James Earl Ray's brothers, or possibly "Raul", and that the tall one may be E.E. Bradley's younger brother and the third man, Fred Lee Crisman. (I'm aware of the names given their identities - by Gary Patrick Hemming.)

Did you read the article on Howard Hughes, Nixon & CIA

in September Playboy? A lot of the material is familiar by now but it's good because the writers, DuBois + Gonzales, emphasize that no one has ever got to the bottom of Watergate or answered the question of why it happened. And because they show how Nixon and his henchmen were the appointed scapegoats while the Hughes empire and the CIA got off scot free.

in best,

Madeline